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Miss Vivian Christine DORF

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Miss Vivian Christine Dorf, born 1916 in Viatke, Russia, is of Danish Nationality. Her father, prior to his death in 1919, was a prosperous Danish merchant and acting Danish-Consul in that city; her mother is Russian. Following the outbreak of the Russian revolution, Mrs. Dorf accompanied by her daughter arrived in Shanghai from Siberia. While a resident of this city she made many attempts to establish a business. All her ventures failed, however, and as her means were limited she appealed to the Danish Association for assistance which was forthcoming in the form of a monthly allowance. In view of the patriotic career of Miss Dorf's father, a prominent member of the Danish community - Mr. K. Rothe of the Shanghai Telephone Company - interested himself in the family and assumed responsibility for Miss Dorf's education, which she received from a private teacher.

At the age of 16 Miss Dorf discontinued her studies and obtained a position as stenographer in the Christien Literature Society, 128 Museum Road. She remained in this situation for some two years, when she resigned to marry a Mr. Edwin Olaf Stratton-Christensen, British, on October 13, 1935 at the Union Church, Shanghai. Her matrimonial venture was not successful, as a few months later the couple separated to be followed by Mrs. Christensen

resuming the use of her maiden name.

For the first seven months of 1936 Miss Dorf did not hold any permanent positions, but in the Autumn, on the strong recommendation of the Danish Consul in Shanghai, Professor J.S. Henderssen, Director of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiques, Stockholm appointed her as secretary to the Scientific Mission of which he was the leader. Miss Dorf was particularly suited to his vocation as she was a brilliant linguist, being able to speak four European languages and several Chinese dialects. Her flair for this calling was shown when she delivered a lecture at the Royal Asiatic Society (November 7, 1937), on her experiences in Sinkiang Province. Miss Dorf accompanied the Mission on its expedition to Indo-China, when it left Shanghai for the French possession on board the s.s. "Taiyuan" on December 18, 1937. She is in possession of British Passport No. C.26006 dated December 18, 1937 issued by the British Consulate-General, Shanghai.

Enquiries show that prior to the departure of the Scientific Mission to Europe, Professor Henderssen offered Miss Dorf a permanent position on the staff of the museum, which offer she rejected as the remuneration was not sufficient. It is believed, however, by her friends in Shanghai, that she obtained employment in Baie D'Aloney, and her address is given as follows:-

c/o P. Lapique,
 Vulchay,
 Baie D'Alony,
 Indo-China.

It is learned that Miss Dorf has no intention to return to Shanghai, and she has requested Mr. Rothe to forward all her personal luggage to Hong Kong.

Miss Dorf is held in great respect by the local Danish community, not only on account of her educational attainments and character, but, for the gratitude she has shown the Danish Association for supporting her family during the first few years in Shanghai. In addition, she has refunded to the Association, monies contributed by them to the upkeep of the family.

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